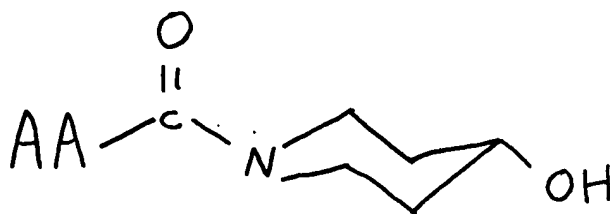


Applicants respectfully traverse the above election requirement on grounds that the generic claims include sufficiently few species that a search and examination of all the species at one time would not impose a serious burden on the Examiner. Applicants respectfully urge the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the above Election Requirement and examine all of claims 1-22.

In order to strictly comply with the Election Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the below chemical compound.



This compound is supported by Table I of the application.

Under this provisional election, claim 1 is generic and at least claims 2, 4, 5 and 6, although broader than the elected species, also read on the provisionally elected species.

Claim 10, while directed to another aspect of the invention, is also generic and claim 11, although broader than the elected species, also reads on the provisionally elected species.

Claim 12, while directed to another aspect of the invention, is also generic and at least claims 13, 15, 16 and 17, although broader than the provisionally elected species, also read on the provisionally elected species.

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